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FOR UNDER SECRETARY CARLYLE MAW

FROM LOSDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: COMMITTEE I PACKAGE NEGOTIATION

1. IN SCATHING ATTACK ON PERU, BRAZIL AND CHILE IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, MEXICO THIS AFTERNOON ANNOUNCED TOTAL OPPOSITION TO EMERGING C-I PACKAGE SETTLEMENT AND CHARACTERIZED PACKAGE AS A "SELL-OUT" TO THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. NEGOTIATING DYNAMICS ARE SUCH THAT IF MEXICO MAKES SIMILAR STATEMENTS IN GP OF 77 MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW MORNING 10:30 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING C-I PACKAGE, A FAIR CHANCE EXISTS THAT MEXICO, VIEWED AS A MODERATE BY MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WILL BE ALLIED WITH ALGERIA AND TOGETHER THEY CAN CAUSE THE GP OF 77 TO REJECT THE C-I PACKAGE. THERE IS HIGH RISK THAT THIS WOULD DESTROY CHANCES FOR EVER CONCLUDING A LAW OF THE SEA TREATY.

3. AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA, HEAD OF MEXICAN DELEGATION IS NOW IN MEXICO CITY.

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4. THIS DEL RECOMMENDS THAT A MESSAGE BE SENT IMMEDIATE

TONIGHT FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE MEXICAN FONMIN  
INDICATING THAT THE SECRETARY VIEWS WITH ALARM MEXICO'S  
ATTACK ON THE C-I PACKAGE IN THE LATIN AMERICAN GP  
TODAY AND REQUESTS THAT MEXICO TAKE NO ACTION TO IMPAIR  
THE CHANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TEXT BY THE GP-77.

5. FYI: MEXICO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL MEETINGS OF  
THE SECRET NEGOTIATING GROUP AND  
AS LATE AS OUR MEETING THIS MORNING, WAS INDICATING  
THAT IT WOULD NOT PUBLICLY OPPOSE ARTICLES ON WHICH  
IT HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS IN THE SECRET  
GROUP. WHILE MEXICANS HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME BEEN  
DIFFICULT IN THE SECRET GROUP, THEY HAVE ONLY RESERVED  
THEIR POSITION ON ONE OR TWO ITEMS, AND ACCORDINGLY,  
THEIR STRONG OBJECTIONS TO THE PACKAGE CAN ONLY BE SEEN  
AS A POLITICAL DECISION AFTER THE FACT. END FYI.  
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